

**CASA CONEJO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2014**

**The Casa Conejo MAC Held an Official Meeting Wednesday, March 19, 2014,
6:00 p.m. at Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Drive, Newbury Park**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **Richard Twomey** at 6:10 P.M. MAC members **Edward Villa, Sr., Richard Gaz, Dustin Woomer, Janell Smith, Shannon Prachyl** and **Steven Wasco** were present.

2. Flag salute

Richard Twomey, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Ceremonial Swearing In of Richard Gaz

New MAC member **Richard Gaz** was sworn in by **Supervisor Parks**.

4. Approval of the Minutes of January 15, 2014

Edward Villa, Sr. moved to approve the January 15, 2014 minutes as submitted. **Dustin Woomer** made the second. The motion passed 7/0.

5. Adoption of the Agenda

There were no changes made to the Agenda.

6. Public Safety Reports (CHP, Sheriff's Department)

Ventura County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Jones announced that they had four suspects in custody for vehicle burglary and are working with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office on the apprehension of a 5th suspect. These arrests are anticipated to significantly reduce vehicle thefts in the area. He recommended that when it comes to keeping something of value in your parked car, people should hide it, lock it, so you can keep it. **Edward Villa, Sr.** asked about an individual who has been sleeping in his car by Borchard Park and Deputy Jones said he will follow up on his patrol. Questions were raised about hours of operation for door to door solicitors and **Supervisor Parks** said she would follow up. A discussion ensued about phone scams, some scammers say they are with the IRS, or a jailed relative needing bail money, or even asking for money for the Troops

7. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks announced the Wendy Bridge ribbon cutting will be on April 3rd at 1:00 pm and the MAC and public are welcome to attend. She also said April 12th is the Community Beautification Event (CBE) at Newbury Park High for Casa Conejo residents who want to discard large bulky items, electronic waste, greenwaste and the like. She mentioned the NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) Walk Team she is leading and asked if anyone would like to join in the May 3rd Walk. She also noted that the curb on the southeast side of Lesser Drive and Rudman Drive adjacent to the crosswalk has been painted red as requested.

8. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Thomas Faye complained about noise from cars rolling over plastic road striping on Wendy Drive at Gerald Drive. Supervisor Parks described unsuccessful actions that the County Transportation Department had taken to date to address this for Mr. Faye. She said they hope to resolve it when they're back to install the traffic signal planned for that same location. She said she will ask that the signal project be expedited.

Wendy Zimmerman said she couldn't access past Casa Conejo MAC minutes on Supervisor Parks' County webpage. Supervisor Parks said she will look into it. Ms. Zimmerman also said she is a proponent of the proposed multi-pathway along the flood control channel and asked how she can assist its development. **Dustin Woomer** shared the status of the path study grant and said he anticipates there will be an opportunity for feedback in approximately three months. Ms. Zimmerman also said there needs to be a No Right Turn on Red on northbound Wendy Drive at the 101 freeway eastbound on-ramp because there are too many ways cars can criss-cross the bike lane there. Supervisor Parks said she would pass her concern onto the City of Thousand Oaks.

Rosemarie Sniffer shared her concern that the traffic signal on Wendy Drive at Ruth Drive doesn't allow enough time for pedestrians to cross Wendy Drive and Supervisor Parks agreed to follow up.

9. Council Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were no comments.

10. Advisory Matters

a. Casa Conejo Survey Results

Supervisor Parks briefly summarized the survey results. **Janelle Smith** made a motion to continue the item to the next MAC meeting and in the interim MAC members will study the results and bring back to the MAC those items they want the MAC to address. **Richard Gaz** seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

b. Update on Tree Planting Demonstration Project

It was determined that there was not enough interest by residents so the Project will not be pursued.

c. Update on Crossing Guard at Lesser Drive and Rudman Drive

Shannon Prachyl requested that the City of Thousand Oaks re-do their traffic and pedestrian counts. Hourly pedestrian counts of school age children were found not to be high enough. She said she believed if the count occurred twenty minutes sooner in the morning when more pedestrians are coming to Walnut School and more high school traffic is present, the criteria for a crossing guard would be met. **Supervisor Parks** said she would make this request.

d. Update on Speed Humps on Lesser Drive

Shannon Prachyl said she was aware of a couple of residents on Lesser Drive who were not supportive of speed humps because they were concerned about possible noise. Before speed humps can be approved 67 percent of residents on the street where they are proposed would need to sign a petition supporting the installation. She said she would also check with David Ayers, who had offered to gather signatures, to determine the status of the petition effort.

e. Update on Sidewalk Repairs

Supervisor Parks updated the MAC on the Board of Supervisors decision to 1) not support her request for one-time funding for sidewalk repairs and 2) to instead have County staff bring back a report in the fall that will include costs to repair all sidewalks, the potential for including grinding as an option for repairing some sidewalks, what other counties are doing to fund sidewalks, and a review of the County's policy that requires residents to pay for repair.

Barry Gabrielson stated his objection to a portion of the MAC's letter that supported County funding of sidewalks, saying that the letter should not have stated that the MAC recognized the Board's current policy that residents have to pay for sidewalk repair. He also expressed his disagreement with the County Counsel's opinion that reimbursing residents who paid to repair their sidewalks would constitute a gift of public funds. Mr. Gabrielson said he has sent emails to county staff and has not been getting adequate responses.

Nathan Borin urged the MAC to write another letter to the Board of Supervisors.

Richard Twomey, Jr. made a motion to have the MAC send a letter to the Board of Supervisors in support of property owners not having to pay for sidewalk repair, and request that those who have paid for repair in the past be reimbursed. **Richard Gaz** seconded the motion. **Dustin Woomer** recommended adding that the County should not enforce the current policy of having residents pay for sidewalk repair while the County is evaluating it for the Board of Supervisors determination in the fall. The amendment to the motion was accepted by the **Richard Twomey, Jr.**, the maker of the motion, and by **Richard Gaz** who had seconded it, and the motion passed 7-0.

f. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update

Edward Villa, Sr. noted no new graffiti has been reported.

10. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

- a. Casa Conejo Survey Results
- b. Speed Humps on Lesser Drive Update
- c. Online listing of Casa Conejo Streets to be Paved
- d. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update

11. Adjournment at 7:30pm until Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at Walnut Elementary School